



Luke AFB housing gives glimpse of Kirtland AFB homes

Housing being built at Luke AFB, Ariz., is being constructed by the Hunt Corporation, the same company building the new base housing here. The housing here will be similar to this. Construction began here June 30.

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Base housing construction begins

Col. Kathie Close, 377th Air Base Wing commander, and Tom Philley, Hunt Corporation senior vice president in charge of construction, officially start the construction of Kirtland AFB's new base housing. The Phase I demolition of the existing housing units in Loop and East Capehart Areas and construction of the new housing units in Villages I and II began June 30. There will be a new chain link fence around the Loop housing demolition area to provide a safe zone for the construction. Pedestrians and nonconstruction vehicles are asked to avoid the construction area. The construction zone is unsafe for anyone not working on the project, especially children. Parents should make sure their children are aware that they are not allowed in these areas. Construction is scheduled to last approximately four years. Follow all construction signs and barricading that is installed for this project. Seek alternate routes to 22nd Loop and East Sandia Circle housing units, Mountain View Club and visitors quarters.

CONSTRUCTION AND KIDS

Lots of Big 'Tonka Toys' are coming to Kirtland

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Construction brings out the kid in all of us. Being a sidewalk superintendent is a favorite pastime of any one who has lived around a large construction project—but construction and kids should never mix.

If you think that words "construction and kids" don't go together, you are right.

The combination sometimes occurs with devastating results.

The contract for the demolition of the old base housing and construction of new was recently awarded. Safety is and will be a driving factor in this contract.

A six-foot chain link fence is being erected around the demolition and construction area. There will be lots of big "Tonka Toys" and powered equipment around the area that are not toys. The equipment will be checked at the end of the day to ensure that company operators can only operate them. Trash and demolition rubble is being taken off-site as soon as containers are filled.

However, children are naturally curious, so anything new, noisy and powerful immediately catches their eye.

Their natural curiosity is, for many things, a godsend. But in the case of construction it can be very dangerous. This was shown recently at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where a couple of boys were playing with 3-4 foot sharpened pieces of steel rebar. These pieces of rebar became spears in a make-believe game.

One of the spears was thrown and penetrated an 11,000 volt buried electrical cable causing an arc flash. The arc from this discharge caused an electrical flash injuring both boys. They did not receive any lasting injuries, but both will carry reminders for the rest of their lives.

Talk with your kids and explain the dangers. Construction and construction equipment can be fun to watch but the consequences of playing in a construction area can be devastating.

Housing Web site updated

Applications for on-base family housing, sample copies of the lease agreement, and family pet requirements are just some of the information on the updated Kirtland AFB Web site, under "housing privatization."

The site is at www.kirtland.af.mil.

The updated Web site includes background information on housing privatization, base arrival procedures, the application process, pets' policies on-base, off-base housing information, and dormitory options.

Kirtland AFB's housing privatization proposal was finalized on May 1, with Hunt Corporation receiving a contract to demolish all old units in East Capehart, Loop, West Capehart, Zia Park, and Maxwell, while constructing 868 new housing units.